

THOMAS VETOES IT

The Election Bill Returned to the Council.

BASKIN IS MAKING A RECORD

He Gives Fresh Evidence of the Fact that He is Twenty Years Behind the Times.

The session of the legislature yesterday was rather tame. In the Council, there was a little scrimmage, caused by the Liberal candidate for mayor, who plainly placed himself on record as being radically opposed to matters pertaining to the public welfare. There were no bills introduced. As was expected, the governor sent in a veto of the election bill.

In the House, there was considerable business done, also, the most important of which was the passage of the bill exempting from taxation for five years, the first iron blast furnace in Utah, and the bill prohibiting justices of the peace and commissioners from practicing in justice courts in the county wherein they reside.

The Council.
It was just 2 o'clock when President King took up the gavel in the Council yesterday and called that body to order. Prayer was offered and business began. The new charter for Salt Lake city occupied the time of the afternoon, two hours and ten minutes being used up in its reading. Judge Baskin, who expects to fill the mayor's chair the next year, got excited during the reading of the bill, threatened to fight it to the bitter end, meaning a veto by the governor, but when the gentleman from Weber, Mr. Evans, read him the riot act he subsided, and stole away so that he could not be on record for anything. The bill regulating and governing metropolitan cities. Baskin tried to kill the bill regulating building associations, which is in the interest of the workingman and against capitalists, but in this also he failed. In his cavasses, as he calls upon these people, he will no doubt be informed that his action in relation to this bill has their severe condemnation. The proceedings were as follows:

PETITIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS.
A petition was presented by Mr. Evans, signed by the clerk of the territorial court, and by Chief Justice Zane and the associate justices, setting forth that heretofore the sum of \$150 per annum has been appropriated for fees for the clerk in criminal cases for the territory; that in the past two years the actual fees earned have exceeded the amount appropriated; that it is not a sufficient and just compensation for the service; that during the term of office he had paid office rental himself; therefore they pray that an appropriation of \$500 per annum be made for the clerk of the territorial supreme court, to be drawn quarterly, amount to be in lieu of all fees for such service; that an appropriation for rent for an office in the building where the federal offices are to be removed be made, which was referred to the committee on appropriations.

Also a petition by Mr. Evans from the clerk of the First District Court, enclosing a bill for \$80.38 for a freight and drayage on file cases from St. Louis, which was referred to the committee on claims.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.
Also a petition by Mr. Morrell from the several building and loan associations, the bankers of Salt Lake and others praying that the bill known as C. F. No. 41, for the relief of associations, organizations and corporations doing business on the building society plan, receive favorable consideration and become a law, in that such associations are important factors in social economy; that they are the best method by which workingmen and others of limited means can become their own capitalists; that they enable members to secure the benefit of their earnings in advance; that they are conducted in a spirit of pure philanthropy; that they are not money-making enterprises; that if present system of taxation is persisted in it will force them to discontinue; and finally, that in all parts of this country and Europe they are protected and fostered by legislative enactment. Which was referred to the committee on private corporations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.
From the Committee on Claims—Reporting back claim of Smythe, Britton & Poore company for rail roll, maps, etc., recommending that it be rejected.
Adopted.
From the Committee on Private Corporations—That the bill for the relief of building and loan associations be passed.
Adopted and filed for second reading.
From the Committee on Municipal Corporations—C. F. No. 25, providing for the government and incorporation of metropolitan cities recommending its passage.
This report is signed by all members of the committee except Judge Baskin. Adopted and filed for second reading.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.
C. F. No. 42, giving the mayors of cities of the first and second class a qualified veto power and for other purposes was read a second time and filed for third reading.
C. F. No. 41, for the relief of building associations, organizations and corporations doing business on the building society plan. The feature of this bill is "that the mature public enterprises of general benefit shall be exempt from the payment of taxes upon the basis of the credit of the amount standing to the credit of the shareholders, the amount of their paid in capital, and upon any loans made by such associations upon real estate, with the proviso that all such associations shall be assessed and shall pay taxes upon all other furniture and fixtures and upon any real estate owned or acquired in the usual course of business." The bill was read a second time when Judge Baskin moved to strike out the enacting clause. His motion was opposed by Peters and McCullison and when a vote was had the motion was lost and the bill filed for third reading.

Morrell then attempted to get a suspension of the rules but the Council refused to concur.
C. F. No. 25, providing for the government and incorporation of metropolitan cities was read a second time. (This bill has been published in full in THE HERALD.) When article five was reached Judge Baskin moved an amendment to sections 1 and 3 and the striking out of section 4. This would allow the mayor and other officers to hold for two years instead of one as provided, and charged the reason of these sections as a political move. Mr. Evans presented the same objections and in reply to Baskin that the latter would fight the bill until it was amended. He agreed, exhorting him so mercifully that the Liberal candidate for mayor at Mr. Evans' concluding remarks, like the Arab, folded his tent about him and silently stole away, no doubt to prevent the recording of his vote on the final passage of the bill.

Pending a further reading of the bill messages were received from the governor as follows:
MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.
Messages were received from the governor stating that he had approved C. F. No. 11, to provide for the payment of contingent expenses; also that he had approved C. F. No. 12, in relation to the payment of interests and commissions in aid of the sale of lands in cities of the first and second class; also the following:
VETO MESSAGE:
I return herewith, unapproved, C. F. No. 2 entitled "An act in relation to elections and tenure of office." If the act be amended by inserting in section 1, after the word "county" the word "school," and by striking out section 2, and by inserting in section 3 after the word "territory," the

words, "except cities of the metropolitan class," I will approve it. I suggest the amendment to section 1 for this reason: The act as submitted to me provides that the school shall be held on the same day as the municipal elections. This will make no difference to voters in the school districts embraced within the corporate limits of cities and towns, but it would to the large number who live in the school districts lying outside. It seems to me it would be better for them to hold their school election on the same day as the general election.

I am unable to approve section 3 for these reasons. In the cities of Salt Lake, Provo, Kayaville and Richmond, all the arrangements have been made for holding the municipal elections; the voters have been registered; the election notices posted; the judges of election appointed; and the expense incident to such elections is incurred. Candidates have been nominated by the different political parties and the election is but ten days distant. The approval of this section on the eve of election would be a denial of the right of the citizens to elect their officers.

The reasons which have been given in support of such legislation seem to me to be purely political. I do not believe the public interests will be served by such action. On the contrary, in one of the cities named, if I accept the public and official declarations made by those who urge this legislation, the administration of public affairs has been unworthy of public confidence.

It has been repeatedly claimed the people were only waiting an opportunity to vote a change, and yet I am asked to approve a law continuing in office the administration so utterly denounced for the period of nearly seven months.

My strongest reason for refusal rests on the fact that the time having arrived for holding the elections, and the terms of the officers having expired, the people have a right to say who shall succeed them.

I suggest the amendment to section 4 for the reason that the bill now pending before the legislature providing for a form of government for metropolitan cities contains election provisions in conflict with the act herewith returned. If the bill should become a law, the amendment would harmonize the two measures, and if it does not, no harm would follow from its adoption.

If the act be amended as I have suggested, it will provide for one election in each year in cities and towns, and one every two years in the territory outside of cities and towns, the municipal and general elections occurring on alternate years.

The reading of the bill was then proceeded with and at its conclusion the rules of the Council were read and the bill was passed. Only Haynes' vote being recorded against it. Baskin being absent.

C. F. No. 16 was made the special order for Monday and then bills on third reading came up.

BILLS ON THIRD READING.
C. F. No. 36, fixing the first Monday of September, known as Labor day, a legal holiday. Read a third time and passed.

C. F. No. 31, for the survival of all actions except libel and slander, was read a third time and passed.

H. F. No. 21, amending section 4933 compiled laws of 1888, was read a third time and passed.

H. F. No. 20, to dispose of persons charged with crime who shall escape indictment on the ground of insanity, was read a third time and passed.

C. F. No. 19, amending section 1755 of the compiled laws, was read a third time and passed.

H. F. No. 11, amending section 4338 of the laws of 1888, was read a third time and passed.

C. F. No. 26, to allow poor persons to commence and prosecute suits, was read a third time and passed.

C. F. No. 22, relating to the time when the laws of the Thirtieth session shall take effect, was read the third time and passed.

MISCELLANEOUS.
On the motion of Evans, the vote by which the enacting clause of C. F. No. 12, regulating the practice of dentistry, was stricken out, was reconsidered and the bill was filed for third reading.

And then at 10 o'clock the Council adjourned.

The House.
There were the usual opening preliminaries and a full attendance of the body.

BOUNDARY LINES.
Sargent presented a petition from residents of Garfield county asking for a survey of the line between Garfield and Grand counties. Committee on counties.

TO REMOVE A COUNTY SEAT.
Ferry presented a petition signed by citizens of Utah, asking to be allowed to remove their county seat from Ashley to Vernal, which is at least nine-tenths of the business of the county was done. Committee on counties.

Arnett, from the committee on municipal corporations and towns, reported back, favorably, the bill in relation to the Salt Lake city charter, with amendments, and recommended that they be adopted.

Kimball moved the adoption. Pierce wanted the amendments read before being adopted.

Sargent was also in favor of knowing just what the amendments were before voting for them. He did not want to do anything in the dark.

Kimball—Oh, well, that is being done every day so far as the gentleman from Garfield (Sargent) is concerned.

Sargent—Oh, that may do for a Liberal (laughter).

There was some more debate during which Kimball explained that the only amendments were to correct a few minor errors and did not materially interfere with the bill.

Arnett also made the same statement. The amendments were adopted and also the report of the committee.

THE SUGAR DUTY BILL.
H. F. 7, providing for a bounty of one-half cent per pound on all sugar made in Utah was offered and referred to the committee on manufacture and commerce.

THE ANTI-POLYGAMY BILL.
Snow wanted to reconsider the vote by which C. F. 1, was passed.

Kimball explained he desired to make it conform to the United States law—there was a slight error in it that had not been noticed at the time of its passage.

The motion was reconsidered, and the clerk ordered to recover the bill from the council, it having been forwarded to that body.

EMINENT DOMAIN.
H. F. 12, in relation to eminent domain, was reported as having been correctly enrolled and forwarded to the governor.

COUNTIES TO BORROW MONEY.
The Council reported that it had passed C. F. 34, authorizing counties to borrow money.

THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH.
The Council also notified the House that it had passed C. F. 13, providing for the changing of the name of the University of Deseret to the University of Utah, and amending the law providing for its government. Committee on education.

BUILDING ASSOCIATIONS.
From the Council came advice that it had passed C. F. 5, in relation to building and loan associations in the Territory of Utah. Committee on private corporations.

AGAIN THE POLYGAMY BILL.
The Council notified the House that the bill not yet passed the Council, and Snow then moved that the vote by which it was passed be reconsidered.

This was adopted and a slight amendment to make the bill conform to the Tucker-Edmunds law was made.

MORITZ AND POLYGAMY.
Moritz asked to be excused from voting on the bill.

Irvine (W. H.) and Pierce both objected. The rules required all members within the bar of the House when the question is stated by the speaker should vote, unless he was directed not to vote or interested in the bill. "If the gentleman is directly or indirectly interested in the bill," said Irvine, "of course he can be excused."

This raised a roar of laughter and ap-

plause, and cries of "Come back, Jakey!" "Jake came back, took his seat, and voted in favor of the passage of the bill. The vote was unanimous and the bill again passed.

THE CITY CHARTER BILL.

The city charter bill was read the second time by its title and filed.

Sargent moved the suspension of the rules and the passage of the bill. Motion lost, Sargent voting "aye" for the first time during the session.

JUDGMENT DEBTORS.

C. F. 7, in relation to judgment debtors, exempting from execution necessary household, table and kitchen furniture to the value of \$300; one sewing machine, family hanging pictures, oil paintings and drawings, provisions for three months, two cows and sucking calves, two hogs and all sucking pigs; all wearing apparel of any person or family; also all beds and bedding, came up for its third reading, was amended and passed, the principal amendment being the striking out of the provision exempting two months' earnings of the judgment debtor.

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